

Amendments to the Specification

- 1) Please add the following title at page 1, line 1:

Wire-guide/nozzle assembly for a robotic TIG welding torch

- 2) Please insert the following paragraph after the title:

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a) and (b) 1 to French Application No. 0303237, filed March 17, 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

- 3) Please insert the following subtitles:

At page 1, below the above-referenced paragraph:

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 5:

2. Related Art

At page 4, line 6:

Summary of the Invention

- 4) Please add the following subtitle and text at page 4, line 13:

Brief Description of the Drawings

For a further understanding of the nature and objects for the present invention, reference should be made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are given the same or analogous reference numbers and wherein:

- Figure 1 illustrates the prior art.
- Figure 2 illustrates the invention.
- Figure 3 illustrates one side view of the invention.
- Figure 4 illustrates a second side view.
- Figure 5 illustrates one longitudinal section of the invention.
- Figure 6 illustrates a second longitudinal section.
- Figure 7 illustrates one possible orientation of the wire-guide/nozzle assembly of the invention.

- Figure 8 illustrates a second orientation.
- Figure 9 illustrates a third orientation.

5) Please add the following subtitle and text at page 4, after the above-referenced paragraph:

Description of Preferred Embodiments

6) Please add the following paragraph to page 13, line 5:

Element names are provided to assist in cross-reference to the Figures:

- Downstream end **20** is the First Section.
- Part **24** parallel to the axis of the nozzle is the Second Section.
- Curved part **25** is the Third Section.

7) Please add the following paragraph at page 14, after the table:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

8) Please delete page 17 in its entirety.

9) Please add to a new page 17, starting at line 1, the following subtitle and paragraph:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A wire-guide/nozzle assembly for an electric arc welding torch, with at least one nozzle for delivering gas and at least one wire-guide system for guiding at least one consumable wire, distinguished in that the downstream end of the wire-guide system runs into the nozzle. The peripheral wall of the nozzle has at least one cut-out through which the wire-guide system

passes. The wire-guide system is fastened to the nozzle. A TIG welding torch utilizing such a wire-guide/nozzle assembly.